

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Renovation of the Fireboat House in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of New York located in the East River Park along the East River Promenade at Grant Street, New York, NY 10002. The funding would be used to provide upgrades to this community facility ensuring critical building improvements, including cooling and heating infrastructure, repairing flooring and walls, providing ADA-compliant restroom and other upgrades.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the building serves as a hub for a park stewardship program to support the ongoing maintenance of East River Park. The volunteer program engages more than 950 volunteers annually, contributing over 2,850 hours of volunteer time to East River Park's maintenance and to the improved experience of the 1.5 million visitors to the park every year. The request is to improve meeting spaces, offices, and storage areas for educational and stewardship materials, refinish and replace floors that are worn out, and to address collapsing ceilings and crumbling plaster walls, damaged by years of water penetration. The renovation of this building creates accessibility for individuals with special needs and disabilities and provides much needed support for local small businesses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42.U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) of the Community Development Block Grant program.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress